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Solis' Statement on Iraq Resolution

Congresswoman Hilda L. Solis (CA-31) issued the following statement about the new Congressional resolution authorizing military force against Iraq:

"I oppose the Administration's resolution regarding the use of United States military forces in Iraq. I do not doubt that Saddam Hussein is a menace to the U.S., to the world and even to his people. However, I have not been presented with concrete, compelling evidence of an imminent or nuclear threat that demands military action. I am also concerned about the lack of international support for U.S. action in Iraq.

"Over 90% of the phone calls and letters that I have received from my constituents are in opposition to a war in Iraq. These constituents and many others around the country understand the failure of the Bush Administration to provide a justifiable reason for a unilateral preemptive attack against Iraq.

"I'm not willing to put our hard working armed forces in harm's way because I have not seen enough clear convincing evidence that we have to make this move. As Brent Scowcroft, the First President Bush's security adviser and retired General Norman Schwarzkopf, Commander of the Allied forces in Operation Desert storm have warned, by attacking Iraq we give Saddam both the excuse and the incentive to use the biological and chemical weapons that he already has. We should exhaust all multilateral diplomatic remedies, including the resumption of arms inspections, before going to war."

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